

47. Authorisations Committee

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1. The Authorisations Committee has reviewed applications from Circuits who cannot meet a sustained need for the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper from the presbyters available in accordance with Standing Order 011. Careful consideration was given to applications using the recently revised criteria set out in Book VI, Part 3 of CPD.
2. This is the second year in using the new criteria which were established in 2023. Last year a new application form was used based on these criteria and this has been further adapted for this year, introducing two key questions relating to why any sustained need for the sacrament cannot be met from the people already available and whether the granting of an authorisation could lead to a blurring of the distinctions between orders of ministry.
3. Authorisations when granted, are for one year and their scope is limited to the Circuit in which the person resides. If the District Policy Committee (DPC) is satisfied that the person authorised remains suitable and the circumstances of the Circuit have not changed, it may on the application of the Circuit Meeting recommend a renewal of the authorisation for a second or third year, and the Authorisations Committee supports any such recommendation without further investigation (see lists B and C below). As we have continued to adapt the process following the changes to the criteria and to further regulate the processes for renewals a new much simplified application form was introduced part way through this year for such cases.
4. Throughout the year the Authorisations Committee has considered a small number of emergency applications which upon recommendation were subsequently granted by the President of the Conference.
5. For 2025, the committee considered a total of 89 applications (including renewals after three years): 10 for presbyteral probationers and 79 for lay people. 89 authorisations are recommended to the 2025 Conference.
6. Applications are scrutinised by Circuit Meetings and District Policy Committees before submission. We are grateful to those Circuits and Districts which supply us with full and accurate details, as that helps us complete our part of the process with the minimum of uncertainty and delay.
7. All applications for consideration in 2026 should be submitted by Friday 27 March 2026 to authorisations@methodistchurch.org.uk. The committee will meet on 21 April 2026 to consider the applications received.
8. The Authorisations Committee presents three lists to the Conference. List A records the recommendations of the Committee on the initial applications and renewals at the end of a three-year term. Lists B and C set out the recommendations of the Authorisations Committee on renewals for a second or third year.
9. The committee welcomes informal consultations with any Circuit considering making an application for an authorisation.

***RESOLUTIONS

47/1. The Conference received the Report.

47/2. The Conference authorised the following persons to preside at the Lord's Supper for the year commencing 1 September 2025 in accordance with the provisions of SO 011:

Key: P = Probationer presbyter

L = Lay person

M = Approved under missional criterion

LIST A – New applications for authorisations for three years

Circuit Number	Circuit Name	Application	Category
1/7	Bury	Thomas King	L
1/9	East Cumbria	Dean Lawson	L
1/9	East Cumbria	Morgan Tebb-Roger	L
1/15	High Peak	Diane Farrow	L
1/15	High Peak	Ian Stubbs	L
1/15	High Peak	Jeanette Saxby	L
1/17	Kirkby Stephen, Appleby & Tebay	Heather Radford	L
1/17	Kirkby Stephen, Appleby & Tebay	David Askew	L
1/17	Kirkby Stephen, Appleby & Tebay	Penny Hilland	L
1/17	Kirkby Stephen, Appleby & Tebay	Richard McGregor	L
1/37	Trafford	Kevin Jaquiss	L
1/37	Trafford	Graham Axford	L
1/40	Western Fells	Lillian Dixon	L
1/40	Western Fells	Mandy Taylor	L
1/40	Western Fells	Vivienne Kendall	L
1/41	Wigan	Sandra Morris	L
2/1	Cymru	Elizabeth Jones	L
2/1	Cymru	Maryl Rees	L
2/16	Mid-Glamorgan Mission	Paul Cooke	L
2/16	Mid Glamorgan Mission	John Cullwick	L
5/4	Birmingham (Sutton Park)	Collins Frimpong-Manso	P
11/8	Cheshire (South)	Obeth Thevanesan	P
11/15	Potteries Mission	Jacqueline Gillon	L
11/15	Potteries Mission	Paul Owen	L
11/18	Stoke-on-Trent	Alison Price	L
13/7	Cleveland and Danby	Paul Wells	L
13/19	North Yorkshire Dales	Rachel Martin	L
15/1	Isle of Man	Christvin Edbarg	P
17/6	East Lincolnshire	Neil Baxter	L
17/6	East Lincolnshire	Nicholas Adams	L
22/1	Nottingham (North East)	Claire Sutcliffe	P
22/4	Nottingham (Trent Valley)	Colin Firbank	L
22/4	Nottingham (Trent Valley)	Neil Jones	L
22/4	Nottingham (Trent Valley)	Paula Dawson	L
22/13	Borders Mission	Jacqueline Dawson	L

22/13	Borders Mission	Michael Render	L
22/16	East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire	Teresa Tilley	L
23/7	Leicester (Trinity)	John Aldridge	L
23/7	Leicester (Trinity)	Miriam Stevenson	L
23/9	Leicester (West)	Michael Furborough	L
23/11	Hinckley	Colin Haddon	L
23/11	Hinckley	Judith Cooke	L
23/12	Melton Mowbray	Janet Norburn	L
23/14	East Mercia	Lucy Catling	L
23/21	Peterborough	Brian Thornton	L
23/21	Peterborough	Nigel Lightfoot	L
23/21	Peterborough	Caroline Hutchings	L
25/1	Sheffield	Nick Waterfield	L
25/14	Doncaster	Elizabeth Worsley	L
25/14	Doncaster	Christine Ogley	L
25/14	Doncaster	Keith Mears	L
26/2	Winchester, Eastleigh and Romsey	Peter Castle	L
26/11	Isle of Wight	Jane Morris	L
26/11	Isle of Wight	Mike Hackleton	L
27/34	Calderdale	Godfrey Chikarviro	P
27/34	Calderdale	Caroline Stead	L
28/1	Wolverhampton	Ildiko Haraszti	P
28/2	Hidden River	Peter Kelsall	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Andrew Skitt	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Jean Matthews	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Keith Edlington	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Vivienne Thomas	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Michael Owens	L
28/14	Gornal and Sedgley and Blackheath and Halesowen	Jonathan Jones	L
31/1	Scotland	Daniel George	P
34/4	South Bedfordshire	Peter Baker	L
34/4	South Bedfordshire	Roger Owers	L
34/9	Chelmsford	James Lowe	L
34/9	Chelmsford	Val Carter	L
35/42	Widmore	Eric Bediako	P
36/5	Staines and Feltham	Paul Murphy	L
36/8	West Sussex (Coast and Downs)	Owen Carney	P
36/21	North Kent	Rocky Chan	P
36/27	Canterbury and East Kent	Linda Beverton	L
36/27	Canterbury and East Kent	Michael Baybutt	L
37/7	St Austell	Bernard Goudge	L
37/7	St Austell	John Keast	L
37/7	St Austell	Tony Warren	L
37/9	West Cornwall	Katherine Baxter	L
37/9	West Cornwall	Lester Scott	L
37/9	West Cornwall	Voirrey Palmer	L
37/16	Tiverton and Wellington	Gill Atkinson	L
37/16	Tiverton and Wellington	Hazel Parsons	L
37/16	Tiverton and Wellington	Richard Allington	L
37/16	Tiverton and Wellington	Ruth Hartley	L

37/19	Ilfracombe and Barnstaple	Brenda Prentice	L
37/21	Torridge	David Ley	L
37/22	South Molton and Ringsash	Sheila Collier	L
37/24	Mid-Cornwall	Christine Roberts	L

LIST B – Renewals after one year for applications granted in 2024

Circuit Number	Circuit Name	Application	Category
1/37	Trafford	Dorothy Bretherton	L
1/41	Wigan	Kenneth Vernon	L
1/42	Wirral	Ian Jackson	L
1/42	Wirral	Steve Cooper	L
1/42	Wirral	Judith Stelfox	L
1/42	Wirral	Mark Thomas	L
2/20	South West Wales	John Birch	L
5/1	Birmingham	Julie Clark	P
5/6	Birmingham (West) and Oldbury	Michael Hall	L
7/7	Gloucestershire	James Cullingford	P
11/4	Mid-Cheshire	Kathryn Craig	L
11/5	Dane and Trent	Anna Carrington	P
11/18	Stoke-on-Trent Mission	Amy Wyatt	L
11/18	Stoke-on-Trent Mission	Glynis Cooper	L
11/22	North Staffordshire	Karen Barnett	L
11/24	Staffordshire Moorlands	Beryl Stew	L
11/24	Staffordshire Moorlands	Gillian Meredith	L
14/10	Norfolk Broads	Shaun Cushion	L
14/15	Ely and Newmarket	Laura Martin	P
17/11	Barton, Brigg and Wolds	Jane Lloyd	L
17/15	South Holland	Darren Charlton	L
22/2	Nottingham (South)	Naomi Sparey	P
22/12	National Forest East	Alan Brady	L
22/12	National Forest East	Nicola Geeson	P
23/23	West Oxfordshire	Susan Jacobs	P
23/29	Vale of Aylesbury	Peter Honeyball	L
26/8	Dorset South and West	Pamela Woodland	L
26/8	Dorset South and West	Anthony Boyden	L
27/32	Bradford North	Stuart Ayrton	L
28/2	Hidden River	John Worth	L
28/2	Hidden River	Michael Cronogue	L
28/2	Hidden River	Bruce Kirk	L
28/2	Hidden River	Sue Smith	L
28/2	Hidden River	Sharon Jackson	L
28/13	Dudley and Netherton	Peter Roberts	L
28/13	Dudley and Netherton	William Jones	L
28/21	Telford	Josephine Kudlacik	L
29/16	Tadcaster	Abi Alex	P
29/26	Nidd Valley	Ian Bryon	P
31/10	North of Scotland Mission	Sarah Sim	L
34/1	North Bedfordshire	Paulette Tedd	P
34/10	Southend and Leigh	Stephen Mayo	P
34/10	Southend and Leigh	Colin Turner	L
35/37	Teddington	Philip Slater	L

36/1	Hampshire Surrey Borders	Kyung Mi Banks	P
36/25	South Kent	David Songer	L
36/25	South Kent	David Smith	L
37/1	Camborne, Redruth and Hayle	Sarah Flowerday	L
37/1	Camborne, Redruth and Hayle	Robert Manley	L
37/4	Plymouth and Devonport	Rebecca Marshall	P
37/6	Tavistock	Ali Mansfield	L
37/7	St Austell	Jo-Anne Petzing	L
37/14	The Lizard and Mounts Bay	Tracie Haslam	L
37/14	The Lizard and Mounts Bay	Sylvia Richards	L
37/14	The Lizard and Mounts Bay	Shirley Wearne	L
37/14	The Lizard and Mounts Bay	David Pascoe	L
37/24	Mid-Cornwall	Miranda Knight	L

LIST C – Renewals after two years for applications granted in 2023

Circuit Number	Circuit Name	Application	Category
1/35	South West Cumbria United Area	Janet Ladds	L
1/35	South West Cumbria United Area	Robert Mantle	L
2/13	Gwent Hills and Vales	Hugo Potgeiter	L
2/13	Gwent Hills and Vales	Celia Price	L
2/18	Neath Port Talbot	Clem Raymond	L
2/18	Neath Port Talbot	Robin Sherwood	L
2/27	Vale of Glamorgan	Phillipa Doble	L
5/1	Birmingham	Danielle Wilson	M
5/12	South Warwickshire	Sheila Brown	L
15/1	Isle of Man	Rita Norrey	L
17/6	East Lincolnshire	Susan Alldread	L
17/6	East Lincolnshire	Tricia Johnson	L
17/6	East Lincolnshire	Richard Neale	L
25/14	Doncaster	Sean Worsley	L
25/17	Rotherham and Dearne Valley	Edward A Siddall	L
26/6	Meon Valley	Rosie Banks	L
26/11	Isle of Wight	Shirley Whittingstall	L
27/21	Settle	Wendy Holt	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Ruth Downes	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Mike Hallworth	L
28/3	Shropshire and Marches	Adrian Williams	L
28/9	Stafford	Robert Johnson	L
28/14	Gornal and Sedgley	William Caldwell	L
34/1	North Bedfordshire	Paul Cooper	L
36/17	Hastings, Bexhill and Rye	Alan Hurrell	L
36/17	Hastings, Bexhill and Rye	Jill Sayers	L
37/1	Camborne, Redruth and Hayle	Archie Rowe	L
37/7	St Austell	Jenny Taylor	L
37/12	Fore Street, St Ives	William Thomas	M
37/20	Camelford and Week St Mary	Peter Daniel	L
37/20	Camelford and Week St Mary	Julie E Swann	L
37/4	Plymouth and Devonport	Janet Dobinson	M
37/6	Tavistock	Sandra Dodd	L
37/10	South Devon	Rachel Mitchell	L
37/19	Ilfracombe and Barnstaple	Sylvia Edwards	L

Circuit Number	Circuit Name	Application	Category
37/22	South Molton and Ringsash	Susan Proctor	L
37/21	Torridge	Roy Harris	L
37/21	Torridge	Elsie Potter	L
37/21	Torridge	Frank Watson	L
37/26	West Devon	Angela Banfield	L
37/28	Teignbridge	Sharon Hurlow	L